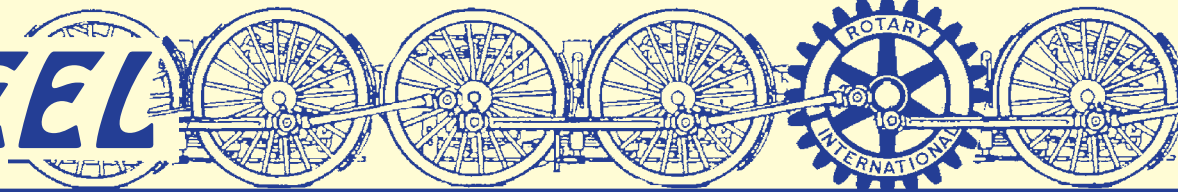


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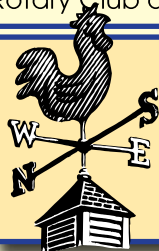


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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The Way It Was

We Celebrated International Women's History Day.

In the Beginning

President Phil opened the Meeting at the Jonas Center on the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus at 12:15.

Moses' "money table" collectively led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

President Phil offered the 'Thought for the Day' by acknowledging the contributions of all the women in his life including mother, wife, daughters, etc. plus all the great women in our Rotary Club plus **Sylvia Whitlock** "The First Woman in Rotary" who will be our speaker next week.

More Important News

Caitlan Clark broke the College basketball scoring record and Sailor **Cole Brauer** was the first American woman to race solo around the world.

Guests & Visitors

Guests included **Kathy Botko** with husband **Jim**, First Lady **Laurie Dougherty** and **Patty Dougherty** with **President Phil**.

Visiting Rotarians included **Paul Simmons** of the Mission San Rafael Club and **Mr. Herzog** from Ross Valley who forgot to sign in.

Community Care

Don Violin is home from the hospital and recovering from health issues.

Burt Hoffmann is recovering from an injured shoulder and rotator cuff surgery.

John Reuscher reported that his nephew **Michael** is recovering from his kidney transplant, however he is still in Colorado under watchful eyes of his medical team.

Al Angulo mentioned his daughter in law via Zoom. She lives in Portland and is home recovering from a successful kidney and heart transplant.

Announcements

Pet Video

President Phil is still awaiting videos and photos of our pets for a Pet Video he is producing.

PETS

President Elect Tom Rickey attended PETS (President Elect Training Sessions) last week. We await his report.

World Community Service

Ron Harness gave an update on the Global Grants supported by our Club and District for water in Ecuador and housing in Ukraine. See **Ron** for more information.

SASY Award (Service Above Self Award)

Maggie Shao was awarded this special award. She joined in 2019 and has been a very active member who volunteers where needed including but not limited to: interviewing scholarship recipients, managing the pie auction, time and instructions with Qi Gong, participation in Club socials, coastal cleanup and more.

Special Reports

Robert Marshall gave an update on projects he is involved with which include furnishing eye glasses and water to schools and hospitals in Guatemala and much more. See **Rob** for ways you can become involved with these wonderful programs.

Program

Peian Harness introduced our speaker **Davis Perkins**, Marin Artist, Smoke Jumper and Medic.

He graduated from University of Oregon as an Art Major, became a Fire Fighter Jumper and which evolved into a career as a Paramedic. He shared a very adventurous life of service and creativity. Currently his studio and art is on display at the Art Works at 1325-1337 4th Street in San Rafael.

The Winner

The Winner this week was **Chuck Hildebrand**.

Next Week's Program

March 15, **Sylvia Whitlock**, First Female President of a Rotary Club. "The Edge of Adventure."



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The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



Featuring **Chris Waugh**

Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center Thursday, March 28 7 pm to 8:30 pm

As Sutter Health's first Chief Innovation Officer, Chris Waugh applies his extensive experience in human-centered design to guide the integrated network's innovation strategy. Human-centered design is a creative approach that seeks personalized solutions to meet individual needs — understanding people and their behaviors, identifying trends and exploring solutions that improve a person's healthcare experience — in order to make healthcare more usable and accessible for patients, doctors and nurses. Before joining Sutter Health, Waugh held entrepreneurial leadership roles at IDEO, a globally regarded Bay Area design and innovation firm, and was vice president of design at One Medical Group in San Francisco where he helped create a culture of innovation. Waugh graduated from Fort Lewis College in Colorado, with bachelor's degrees in international business and French.

Tickets: Adults \$25 • Students \$10

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Upcoming Programs & Events

March

- Mar. 15 **Sylvia Whitlock, first female president of a Rotary Club:** The Edge of Adventure
- Mar. 22 **Dick Spotswood:** Marin IJ
- Mar. 28 (Thursday) **Novato Speaker Series - Chris Waugh**

April

- April 5 **Kerri Murray:** President of Shelter Box USA
- April 12 **Marlene Capra**
- April 19 **Club Assembly**
- April 25 (Thursday) **Novato Speaker Series - Lauren Vong & Laurie Reemsnyder**
- April 26 **No Meeting – Club Social**

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Hygiene instruction and kits.



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*Rob Marshal talks about the
Clean Water Mission in Escuintla,
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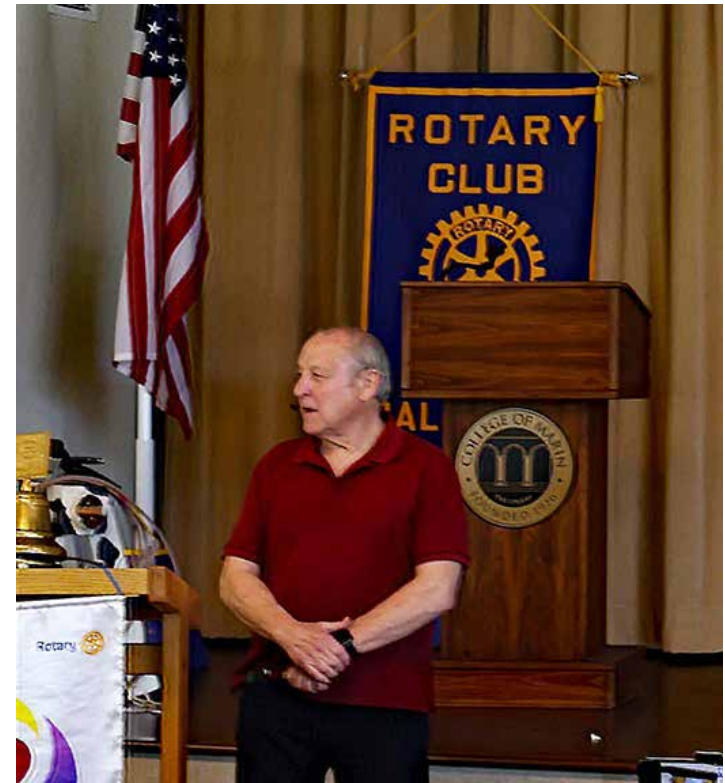
Water filter parts for San Gabriel School



Selecting eye glasses



Service Above Self "SASY" award to Maggie Shao.



Artist and Smoke Jumper Medic addressing global human suffering, our Speaker Davis Perkins.

